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GSA SMARTPAY SMART BULLETIN

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GSA SmartPay2 –Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives (FSSI) Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs)

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Smart Bulletin becomes effective upon issuance and shall remain in force until modified or rescinded.

INTRODUCTION:

Use of the GSA SmartPay purchase card when purchasing office products from FSSI BPAs will result in an automatic discount at the already negotiated BPA price. Cardholders no longer have to remember BPA numbers or reference any other contract vehicle when purchasing from the FSSI office product BPAs. Potential overall government savings from the use of these BPAs could reach an estimated \$48 million annually.

BUSINESS LINE(S) AFFECTED:

Purchase, Integrated (Purchase)

SUMMARY:

- GSA has awarded BPAs to 15 office supply contractors under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives. Of these 15 awarded contractors, 13 are Small Businesses with 3 of these contractors being Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses.
- 2. Discounts for office supplies under these BPAs average 19% off Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) pricing in and in some instances can be discounted up to 45% off of the MAS price. Agencies can expect to save 5% to 20% initially. Additional savings can be expected through volume discounts as government spend reaches a series of spend thresholds.

3. Access to these BPAs is available through GSA Advantage, DoD eMall, online websites, phone orders, fax orders, and from brick and mortar stores. In compliance with the terms and conditions of the BPAs, the contractors are required to ensure the cardholder receives the FSSI BPA prices when a GSA SmartPay purchase card is used. A listing of these FSSI office supply vendors is attached. Please note that their new pricing has already been loaded into GSA Advantage and DoD emall.

ACTION:

Agency/Organization Program Coordinators (A/OPCs) are encouraged to provide this bulletin and the attachment to purchase cardholders. In addition, A/OPCs may direct their cardholders to the FSSI portion of the GSA SmartPay website: http://www.gsa.gov/fssiofficesupplies

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